Cyclone Warning Centres

*300. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) wheather Government propose to set up more cyclone warning centres in various coastal States during the current year;

(b) if so, the details of locations identified so far; and

(c) the progress made in setting up of such centres?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) India Meteorological Department has a network of ten Cyclone Detection Radars (CDRs) and six Cyclone warning Centres in operation along the east and west coasts of the country covering the coastal areas of all maritime States. The Cyclone Warning Centres are presently operating at Calcutta, Bhubaneshwar, Visakhapatnam, Mumbai, Chennai and Ahmedabad. Action has already been initiated to replace Cyclone Detection Radars at Chennai, Calcutta, Visakhapatnam, Machhalipatnam and Paradip by more advanced Doppler Weather Radars. Action has also been initiated to instal a Doppler Weather Radar indigenously development by ISRO at Sriharikota.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Losses to Paradip Phosphatic Fertilizers in Orissa

1679. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of losses suffered by the Paradip Phospahtic Fertilizer Unit in Orissa due to cyclone; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for rehabilitation of that Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) has suffered extensive damage as assessed by visual inspection. The exact quantum of loss and damage is to be assessed after trial run and re-start up of plants.